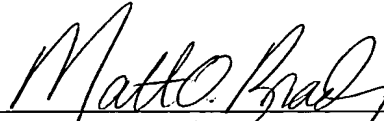


REMARKS

This application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a teleconference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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